

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: First responders play an essential role in ensuring the safety of the public, often

risking their lives in the service of others; and

WHEREAS: First responders, law enforcement officers, Emergency Medical Services

professionals, and tow truck drivers face tremendous danger on our roadways;

and

WHEREAS: Every year, first responders are killed in the line of duty by passing motorists;

and

WHEREAS: The Spirit Ride is a traveling memorial dedicated to first responders, which has

been to over 300 cities – joined by more than 10,000 first responders – to help

raise awareness of 'move over' laws in every state; and

WHEREAS: While Minnesota law requires Minnesotans to slow down and move over when

passing a first responder, more than 70 percent of the public are still unaware of

the 'move over' law; and

WHEREAS: Greater public awareness is required to keep first responders – and all

Minnesotans - safe on the road.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 13, 2018, as:

SLOW DOWN, MOVE OVER AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12th day of June.

GOVERNOR